The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication in a law journal and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte YI HU, C. ALEXANDER TURNER, JR., BORIS NEPOMNICHY, JOHN SCOVILLE, and D. WADE WALKE

> Appeal No. 2004-2382 Application 09/899,513

Jan 2005

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, WILLIAM F. SMITH and GRIMES, Administrative Patent Judges.

Per curiam.

An "ORDER UNDER 37 CFR § 41.50(d)" was mailed on November 30, 2004. In response, appellants filed a withdrawal of the application "in order to pursue claims in a continuing application" on December 30, 2004.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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